

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/29/2009 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7 and 8, filed 10/29/2009, with respect to the 112 1st rejection of claims 75 and 76 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112 1st paragraph rejection of claims 75 and 76 has been withdrawn.

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-11, filed 10/29/2009, with respect to 103(a) rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5-7, 14, 15, 17, 18-20, 51, 55 and 60 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5-7, 14, 15, 17, 18-20, 51, 55 and 60 renumbered as 1-15 allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present system is comprised of a camera connected to a printing device through a USB mass storage class mode that can function through a mode that allows the camera device to control the output of image data or allow the printing device to control the transfer and printing of image data. The Examiner searched the claim language and could not find the limitations of *"wherein the processing controller (i) displays a message to operate the external printing apparatus and turns off the display unit in response to the detection of the first type of direct printing, and (ii) displays a message to perform print operation on the display unit in response to the detection of the second type of direct printing"*. The Examiner found references that may allow a printer and camera to work in certain modes of printing out image data, but the Examiner could not find the feature of the camera receiving a notice to operate a printing device and then the camera LCD is shut off because of a first mode being detected. Neither could the Examiner find a reference that taught displaying a message to a user ordering the user to operate the camera in the direct printing process coupled with the previous limitation. Therefore, the Examiner concludes that the claims are allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAD DICKERSON whose telephone number is (571)270-1351. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Haskins can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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